

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DUSTIN NOBLE,

Defendant.

**4:23CR3122**

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF  
FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court upon the United States of America's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 84](#)). Having reviewed the record in this case, the Court finds as follows:

1. On May 29, 2024, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Defendant and Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count I and admitted to the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment ([Filing No. 1](#)).

2. Count I of the Indictment charged that Defendant with violating 18 U.S.C. § 371 regarding violations of Title 16, United States Code, Sections 3372(a)(2)(A), 3372(a)(4) and 3373(d)(1)(B).

3. The Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment sought forfeiture of various firearms, firearm accessors, crossbows, crossbow accessories, and wildlife as listed in Attachment A of the Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (the "Property"), as property constituting or derived from these violations and property used to commit or facilitate the commission of the Defendant's illegal activities.

4. By virtue of said plea of guilty, Defendant has forfeited his interest in the Property. Accordingly, the United States should be entitled to possession of the Property pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 3374 and 28 U.S.C. § 2461.

5. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 84](#)) is granted.

2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the plea of guilty, the Government is hereby authorized to seize the Property.

3. Defendant's interest in the Property is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

4. The Property is to be held by the Government in its secure custody and control.

5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the Government's intent to dispose of the Property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the Property, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the

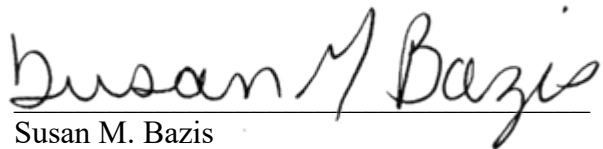
Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the Property and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the Property as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan M. Bazis", written over a horizontal line.

Susan M. Bazis  
United States District Judge